

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Jannetta Coats

FROM: Paula Flores-Gregg, Pamela Houston and LaTonya Sanders

SUBJECT: Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

COUNTY: Jefferson

DATE: 9/13/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

- Participated in the morning command briefing.
- Called into the 8am Mandatory Team Meeting.
- Participated in the 10am daily conference call.
- Met with the Emergency Manager of Jefferson County, Greg Fountain
 - Proposed emergency housing at an abandoned juvenile detention center. One agency declined the offer.
 - The county does not have housing services available.
 - 39 counties were affected by Harvey.
 - SE Texas Alert Network (Mass Notification Calls).
 - SETINFO.Org (refer residents to this website for information)
 - Refer residents to the Jefferson County Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/w/138461756178182>)
 - In need of 500-1000 Water Testing Kits.
 - Recommended reaching out to NW Forrest 248 residents. (unincorporated)
 - Recommended reaching out to Bevil Oaks, 500 residents. (unincorporated)
 - Recommended reaching out to Dr. Walkes the Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Dept.
 - Concerns with debris pick up.
 - Requested links to our approved fact sheets to post on their page.
 - EWaste is being addressed.
- Met with Jonnie Roberts with the Jefferson County Public Health Department in Beaumont.

- Would like to notify others in her office and schedule a time for us to come back. Including Dr. Walkes who is the director.
- Met with Sherry Ulmer, Public Health Director and Kenneth Coleman, Assistant Public Health Director of the Beaumont City Health Department.
 - Mr. Coleman downloaded the fact sheets from our thumb drive to his computer to share widely.
 - Recommended we reach out to their other clinics.
 - Recommended we reach out to Lesly Johnson with the Legacy Community Health Clinic.
 - Recommended we reach out to Deana Hughes with the Triangle Area Network.
 - Recommended we reach out to Lois Roy with UT Physicians.
 - Recommended we reach out to Audwin Smauel a Councilman.
 - Recommended we reach out to Christina Vargas with Clinica San Lucas.
 - Recommended we reach out to San Juanita with the Clinica San Daniel.
 - Recommended we reach out to Rebekah Seymour a Faith Based Nurse with Baptist hospital.
 - Recommended we reach out to the Cathedral of Faith Church.
 - Follow protocol and notify Tim Ocnaschek the Emergency Operations Center with the City of Beaumont.
- Met with Ike Mills with the Greater Minority Chambers of Commerce of Port Arthur.
 - Indoor environment for citizens. Not enough supplies to clean. Cleaning without proper gear are concerns.
 - Surface Water quality is a concern.
 - Provided link to the community: Black Ministers Alliance NAACP President, The largest Church in Beaumont 10K members Enoch, African American owned radio station.
 - Cleanup efforts should lead to community jobs.
 - It is apparent that Communication and Collaboration is not actively happening in the area.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- In response to the concerns raised in previous reports regarding housing, the county is providing two berthing barges that can hold 300 people on each in port of Port Arthur.
- It was reported that Rose City needs desperate help as residents being to come in.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- 500-1000 Water kits were requested by Greg Fountain with the Emergency Manager for Jefferson County.